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SOUTH CHINA RESTORES RR, WATER TRANSPORTATION

Ch'ang-sha, 13 December -- Of the four railroad lines in Hunan Province, all but one are now completely open for traffic. The Han-k'ou-Kuang-chou line is open to the south to Teng-chia-t'ang Station at the Hunan-Kwangtung border. The Hang-chou-P'ing-hsiang line is open from Chu-chou to P'ing-hsiang. The Hen-yang-Kuei-lin line, however, is open only from Heng-yang to Tung-an.

Pei-p'ing, 14 December -- Repairs have been completed on the whole length of the Pei-p'ing--Han-k'ou Railroad and the Chakiang--Kiangsi Railroad. Regular through service has already restored on the latter, and will very shortly be restored on the former. On 12 December 1949, repairs were completed between Shih-chia-chuang and An-yang, the last section to be repaired on the Pei-han line.

Hong Kong -- The opening of regular traffic on the Yueh-Han Railroad, that is, from Kuang-chou to Wu-ch'ang, which is scheduled for 1 January 1950, will lessen the seriousness of the KMT naval blockade of the principal seaports, according to CCP officials in Kuang-chou.

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LUNG-HAI RR NOW OPEN TO HSI-AN -- Wen-hui Pao, 7 Dec 49

Cheng-chou, 5 December (NCNA) -- Both passenger and freight service became available on the Lung-Hai Railroad all the way from Lien-yun-Kang to Hsi-an, Shensi, as of 1 December 1949.

CH'U-CHIANG RR BRIDGE COMPLETED -- Kung-shang Jih-pao, 19 Dec 49

Kuang-chou, 18 December -- Repairs to the Yueh-Han Railroad bridge at Ch'u-chiang (Kukong), Kwangtung, were completed on 18 December 1949.

T'IENT-CHING INCREASES VOLUME OF SHIPPING -- Ta Kung Pao, 4 Dec 49

The T'ien-ching Shipping Bureau announced the number and the total tonnage of shipping in and out of the port of T'ien-ching for October 1949 as 113 ships and 178,521 tons. Of this, 54 ships bringing 95,018 tons were incoming, and 59 ships carrying 83,503 tons were outgoing. A further breakdown of the data by areas and foreign ports shows the incoming and outgoing combined tonnage of ships to and from T'ien-ching as follows: North China 52 tons, East China 3,696 tons, South China 524 tons, and Northeast China 5,101 tons, Hong Kong 44,821 tons, Nambo 6,264 tons, Jinsen 3,147 tons, Sakhalin Island 7,176 tons, Moji 5,198 tons, Manila 7,607 tons, Seattle 24,002 tons, New York 26,398 tons, San Francisco 24,464 tons, and Fusan 1,291 tons.

Incoming passengers numbered 2,006 persons; outgoing, 1,647 persons. The total incoming cargo was 22,805 tons, and outgoing 18,334 tons.

Shipping tonnage in and out of T'ien-ching has increased steadily since July 1949. The total tonnage for July was 49,487 tons, August 63,015 tons, and September 175,149 tons.

RIVER STEAMERS FROM CH'UNG-CH'ING -- Wen-hui Pao, 15 Dec 49

Han-k'v 14 December -- With the departure from Ch'ung-ch'ing on 11 December 1949 of two steamers of the Min-sheng Steamship Company, the Min-tsu and the Min-lien, through river transportation between Ch'ung-ch'ing and Shanghai has been resumed. The SS Hua-yuan of the Ho-ch'iang Steamship Company also departed from Ch'ung-ch'ing on 12 December 1949. These two companies, and the China Merchants Steamship Company will shortly dispatch vessels on the up-stream journey.

GOVERNMENT TAKES OVER RIVER BOATS -- Kung-shang Jih-pao, 15 Dec 49

Shih-ch'i, 13 December -- Most of the shipping companies engaged in river transportation services around Kuang-chou are now on the verge of bankruptcy, and to make matters worse, they are losing their boats to the People's government. It is estimated that more than 40 percent of the total number of boats in this area have already been taken over by the government.

The reasons for the present predicament of the shipping companies are (1) decrease in volume of trade due to application of tighter import and export controls by the People's government, (2) decrease in volume of sales due to unstabilized exchange rates of the People's government bank notes, and (3) absence of escort service or government protection against bandit attacks.

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TELEGRAPH SERVICE FOR SOUTHWEST -- Wen-hui Pao, 15 Dec 49

Hong Kong -- Through telegraphic service has now been restored between Hong Kong and all the principal newly liberated cities of southwest China, including Ch'ung-ch'ing, Kuei-yang, K'un-ming, and others. The only noteworthy exception is the city of Liu-chou in Kwangsi.

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